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1. CURRENT ISSUES OF ARABIC AND FRENCH LANGUAGE WEEKLY ORGANS OF ALGERIA'S SINGLE PARTY, THE FLN, DEVOTE LENGTHY FEATURES TO NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S EXPECTED POLICIES. DRAWING ON INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND BUDGET PROJECTIONS, FRENCH LANGUAGE "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" PRESENTS RELATIVELY MEASURED ARTICLE ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICIES TO BE EXPECTED FROM CARTER ADMINISTRATION, CHIDING IT SIMPLY FOR ITS "UNCONDITIONAL ATTACHMENT TO LIBERALISM" IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. ARABIC LANGUAGE "AL-MUJAHID", ON OTHER HAND, FINDS IN SHARPLY WORDED ARTICLE THAT ANY CHANGES CARTER ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY "WILL NOT AFFECT THE ESSENCE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM."

2. JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1 ISSUE OF "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" WRITES: "CARTER'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS SEEMS TO SIGNAL A CHANGE, IF ONLY BECUASE OF ITS INSISTENCE IN INVOKING THE MORAL DUTIES OF THE U.S.... USA WILL NOT SEEK TO DOMINATE OR TO IMPOSE ITS DECISIONS ON OTHERS AND AFFIRMS ITS DESIRE TO COOPERATE AND WAGE WAR AGAINST
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POVERTY, IGNORANCE, AND INJUSTICE.... KISSINGER ERA ALREADY SEEMS FAR AWAY.... PRESIDENT CARTER HAS, HOWEVER, ARNED OTHER COUNTRIES AGAINST TAKING AMERICAN IDEALISM FOR WEAKNESS. ALSO, AS PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED, AMERICA'S MORAL SENSE DICTATES A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR SOCIETIES WHICH SAHRE WITH IT A CERTAIN CONCEPTION OF LIBERTY, I.E., THE LIBERAL SOCIETIES.... IN FIELD OF

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, MOST MEMBERS OF CARTER TEAM
PROFESS AN UNCONDITIONAL ATTACHMENT TO LIBERALISM....
ECONOMIC LIBERALISM IS OFTEN A THEORY MEANT FOR EXPORT
AND DESIGNED TO PROMOTE EXPORTS OF GOODS AND CAPITAL,
EVEN IF IT IS EXTOLLED AS 'PROTECTION OF
DEMOCRACY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF MAN." NEO-LIBERAL
EXPERIMENT GOING ON IN CHILE FOR LAST THREE YEARS IS
INSTRUCTIVE IN THIS REGARD.... IN INDIA AS WELL,
LIBERAL EXPERIMENT IS SNOWBALLING AT VERY HIGH SOCIAL COST.
IS THIS NOT ALSO CASE IN EGYPT?"

3. JANUARY 28 ISSUE OF "AL-MUJAHID" WRITES: " IN
REVIEWING MAJOR AXES OF AMERICAN POLICY, WE CAN SEE SOME
SIGNS OF CHANGE, BUT IT IS A CHANGE WHICH WILL NOT
AFFECT ESSENCE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. SWEET WORDS,
QUIET DIPLOMACY, AND FEWER HINTS OF 'BIG STICK'
ARE ALL NOTHING BUT A COVER FOR THIS
COUNTRY'S POLICY TOWARDS THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD."LYNE

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